AN

ACCOUNT

OF THE

Amicable Society,

FOR A

Perpetual Assurance Office,

As now Eſtabliſhed and Incorporated by Her Majeſty's Letters Patent under the Great Seal of England.

I. THat this Society ſhall conſiſt of *Two Thouſand* Perſons of either Sex: None to be admitted a Member under *Twelve* or above *Fifty five* Years of Age.

II. Every Subſcriber at his or her Admittance, to pay *five Shillings* to the Joint-ſtock, and *five Shillings* as a Fee to the Regiſter; and *ſix Pounds four Shillings per Annum*, by ſuch Payments as ſhall be thought moſt convenient by the Directors.

III. The Dividends to be made amongſt the Claimants at the End of every Year, commencing from the 25*th* of *March*, laſt paſt, in the following Proportion, *viz.* The *firſt* Year 2000 *l.* the *ſecond* 4000 *l.* the *third* 6000 *l.* the *fourth* 8000 *l* the *fifth* 10000 *l.* and 10000 *l.* at leaſt *Annually* ever after; and the Remainder of the Yearly Payments to be from time to time improv'd for the Benefit of the Society.

IV. The Directors to be ſworn to the faithful Execution of their Office, before they are allow'd to act; and if any ſhall act contrary to his Oath, he is liable to be turned out.

V. Twelve Directors to be Choſen *Annually*, on the 25*th* of *March*, or within *forty* Days after, by a General Court; of which *Four* are to be out of the Directors of the preceding Year, if ſo many ſhall be reſident in Town, and willing to officiate.

VI. That, in order to perpetuate this Society, every Perſon receiving a Claim is oblig'd to enter him or her ſelf, or to ſubſtitute another in

in the room of the Deceas'd ; and as a Caution that he or ſhe ſhall do ſo, to leave one Years Payment in the Hands of the Society, which is to be deducted out of his or her Claim ; and ſhall be allow'd them in their next Yearly Payment ; and in caſe of his or her Neglect, the Society ſhall at the End of that Year fill up the Vacancy with any other qualified Perſon whom they ſhall approve, for the Benefit of each reſpective Contributor.

VII. That any Member may change his Policy at pleaſure, paying one Shilling over and above the Stamp.

VIII. Annuities to be granted according to a Power, given in the Charter.

Theſe are the Points, neceſſary for the Subſcribers in general to be inform'd of ; as being ſettled by the Charter, and therefore unalterable ; what more is needful, for the Regulation of the Society, muſt be ſettled in the By-Laws, to be made at a General Court of the Members of the Corporation, to be call'd as ſoon as all the Policies are taken out.

We need not here ſay any thing of the Advantages the Contributors will reap, that having been done at large in former Printed Propoſals, which appear to have given general Satisfaction, by the great Numbers Subſcribed, even before the *Charter* was obtain'd. One thing only we ſhall add, That all due improvements being made of the Joint-Stock, it will probably in Twenty Years time or leſs, come to bear its own Charges ; ſo that Payments thenceforwards may ceaſe, and the Subſcription thereby become a Perpetual Eſtate, to the Members of the Corporation, and their Heirs for ever, which will amply recompenſe their Charges, who ſhall have the Happineſs of a long Life.

*** NOTE, *That a Court of Directors of the Amicable Society for a Perpetual Aſſurance Office, now incorporated by Her Majeſty's Letters Patent, under the Great Seal of* England, *was held at Mr.* John Hartley's, *Bookſeller, over-againſt St.* Dunſtan's *Church, in* Fleetſtreet, *on the 30th of* July *laſt ; where the Directors and the Regiſter being Sworn, for the due Execution of their reſpective Offices, according to the directions of the Charter ; they have thought fit to order, That Policies ſhall begin, and be continued to be deliver'd out, on and after the ſixth Day of this Inſtant* Auguſt, *at the ſaid Mr.* Hartley's ; *where theſe Propoſals may be had, and Attendance will be given, from the Hours of Ten to Twelve in the Forenoon, and from Three*

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to Six each Day in the Afternoon; Holidays only excepted. And all those that have Subscrib'd to the said Society, are desir'd to take out their Policies, within one Month at farthest, after the said Sixth Day of August; *The Subscriptions being near compleated, and it being determin'd after that Time, to admit of New Subscribers in the Room of those, who shall neglect to take out their Policies, according to the Subscription they have already made.*

The Form of the Certificate, to be sent by such Subscribers who live in the Country, to their respective Deputies *or* Proxies, *in* LONDON.

WE the *Minister, Church-Wardens,* and *others* the *Inhabitants* of the *Parish* of in the *County* of do hereby *Certifie* to the *Directors* of the *Perpetual Assurance Office*, That *A. B.* of the said *Parish*, in the *County* aforesaid, is *actually present* at the *Signing* hereof; and, as we verily believe, in a *good State* of *Health*, being full *Twelve Years of Age* or more, and *under* Fifty Five.

August . . . .
1706.

..... { Rector, Vicar, or Curate.

Witness
A. B. Parish Clark.

..... { Church-Wardens
..... { Parishioners.

*** The Incumbent of any Parish being a Subscriber, must have his Certificate sign'd by any Neighbouring Minister.

†††† Note, That the 5 *s.* Entrance, and the 5 *s.* into the *Joint-Stock* together with the 1 *l.* 1 *s.* for the *first* Quarterly Payment, due at *Midsummer* last, and 1 *s.* for Stamps, must be Paid at the taking out of every respective Policy, till 2000 are deliver'd out; and therefore 'twill be the Interest of every Subscriber to take out their Policies with all convenient speed.

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